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In re Application of Lu	:	
Application No. 09/821,509	:	Decision on Petition
Filing Date: March 29, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. SNS-010	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed May 31, 2006, under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

The petition is **dismissed**.

35 U.S.C. 133 requires that if an action is mailed, and if an applicant fails to respond to such action within 6 months or within any shorter time period set by the Office, the application goes abandoned as a matter of law.

A Notice of Allowability was mailed October 28, 2005. The Notice of Allowability required the submission of corrected drawings within three months.

Petitioner did not file a response to the Notice of Allowability within three months. The Office did not withdraw the drawing requirement, by mailing a supplemental Notice of Allowability, on or before January 28, 2006. Therefore, per 35 U.S.C. 133, the application is abandoned. Therefore the application is abandoned.

Petitioner should note 35 U.S.C. 133 does not distinguish "correct" Office actions from "incorrect" Office actions. Therefore, abandonment is not based on the correctness, in whole or in part, of an Office action. For example, if an applicant fails to respond to a restriction requirement, later determined by the Office to be untenable as drafted, the application will still be abandoned. If an Office action is mailed rejecting claims based on anticipation over a reference that was facially not available as prior art against the application, an applicant must still respond to the Office action in order to avoid abandonment.

Petitioner failed to respond to the Notice of Allowability. Such response could have taken the form of a written traversal stating the facts in the instant petition regarding the original drawings. Petitioner could have directly contacted the examiner and taken steps to have the examiner withdraw the requirement in writing *prior to* the expiration of the time period for response.

For the reasons above, the holding of abandonment will not be withdrawn.

Since the application is abandoned as a matter of law, the application will remain abandoned unless revived pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137. Petitioner may wish to file a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a). A blank petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) form is attached.

Any request for reconsideration must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision.

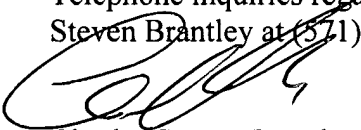
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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)	Docket Number (Optional)
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> First Named Inventor: Application Number: Filed: Title: </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> Art Unit: Examiner: </div> </div> Attention: Office of Petitions Mail Stop Petition Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	
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<p>The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.</p> <p>NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Petition fee. (2) Reply and/or issue fee. (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee-required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay. <p>1. Petition fee</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Small entity – fee \$_____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other than small entity – fee \$_____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).</p> <p>2. Reply and/or fee</p> <p>A The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of _____ (identify the type of reply):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> has been filed previously on _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed herewith.</p> <p>B The issue fee of \$ _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> has been filed previously on _____.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> is enclosed herewith.</p>	

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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